

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-14, 26, 28 and 30 were pending. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-14, 26, 28 and 30 were rejected. By virtue of this response, no additional claim is cancelled, claims 1-4, 7, 8, 26, 28, 30 are amended, and new claim 32 is added. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-14, 26, 28, 30, and 32 are currently under consideration. Amendment of subject matter is not to be construed as an abandonment of any subject matter. No new matter was added by virtue of these amendments.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicant's remarks are presented in the same order in which they were raised in the Office Action.

Claim Objections

Claims 7-8 and 30 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claims 7 and 8, line 1, "the method of claim 6" should be changed to --the method of claim 1-- in order to provide proper antecedent basis.

Claims 7 and 8 were each amended to depend from claim 2.

In claim 30, line 1, "the apparatus of claim 29" should be changed to --the apparatus of claim 26-- in order to provide antecedent basis.

Claim 30 was amended to depend from claim 26.

Based on the above amendments, Applicant respectfully request withdrawal of these objections against claims 7, 8, and 30.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 26, 28, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ladd et al (U.S. Patent: 6,269,336)

The Examiner alleged that Ladd “teaches dialog step name tags that uniquely identify prompts to a voice browser (Col. 15, Lines 60-64; Col. 16 Lines 29-40; and FIG. 6)” in rejection of previously pending claim 26. Col. 15, Lines 60-64 does not mention tags at all. Col. 16, Lines 29-60 appears to teach “markup language document includes tags...[including] start tags...and end tags...DIALOG element and STEP elements...provide the basic structure of the document...[and] define a state machine that represents an interactive dialogue between the voice browser and the user.” Applicant submits that these sections of Ladd do not teach either a tag, or more generally an identification, associated with a prerecorded audio file, and that therefore Ladd does not anticipate claim 26. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection against claim 26.

Regarding claim 30, Applicant submits that Ladd does not teach “the identification includes: location information, context information, and device information.” Based on the additional recitation in claim 30, as well as dependency from claim 26, Applicant submits that claim 30 is allowable and Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 30.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-5, 7-8, and 10-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ladd et al (U.S. Patent: 6,269,336) in view of Uppaluru (U.S. Patent 5,915,00).

Claim 1 now recites, in part, “receiving a request for information; obtaining the information, the information comprising prompt mapping information and prompt content; and executing the obtained information, wherein executing includes interpreting at least a portion of the prompt content using at least a portion of the prompt mapping information.” Applicant submits that Ladd and Uppaluru do not teach or suggest, alone or in combination, this recitation of claim 1.

Applicant further submits that claim 1 is allowable over Ladd and Uppaluru and accordingly requests withdrawal of the rejection against claim 1.

Claim 4 was amended to recite, in part, “the prompt content includes at least one text portion, and the prompt mapping information includes a respective prompt class associated with each of the at least one text portion, and interpreting includes using respective prompt classes to determine which prompt of a plurality of prompts maps to each of the at least one text portion.” Applicant submits that Ladd and Uppaluru do not teach or suggest, alone or in combination, the above recitation of claim 4. Applicant further submits that claim 4 is allowable by virtue of this recitation and by virtue of dependency from claim 1; accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection against claim 1.

New claim 32 depends from claim 1, and recites in part, “wherein the prompt content includes a text string, and the prompt mapping information includes a prompt class associated with the text string, the prompt class being one of a plurality of prompt classes, a plurality of pre-recorded prompts are each classified into at least one of the plurality of prompt classes and wherein executing includes comparing the text to pre-recorded prompt labels classified into the prompt class associated with the text string.” Applicant submits that Ladd and Uppaluru do not teach or suggest, alone or in combination, this recitation of claim 32 and that claim 32 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 324212009600. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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